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REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending in the application. Claims 1-41, 64 and 65 have been allowed. Applicant has amended claims 40, 42-63. I have added new claims 66-70. Further examination and reconsideration is requested in view of the arguments, amendments, requirements met, and new claims submitted by Applicant to overcome Examiners previous rejections, objections, and to patent the invention.

The Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 42-56, 58 and 60-63 were rejected under obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of U.S. Patent No. 6,546,901. The Applicant has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) to obviate this objection. The Applicant respectfully submits that the terminal disclaimer overcomes the rejection and requests notice to that effect.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-41, 64 and 65. Claims 57 and 59 were objected to but Examiner indicated they are allowable if amended to incorporate them with a rejected base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 57 and 59 as the Examiner has recommended

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Applicant submits that each and every limitation of independent claims 40, 42, 53, 56, and 58 are not met by Rowells and requests removal of the rejection. Applicant also submits that claims 43-52, 54, 55, 60-63, and new claims 66-70 are allowable as dependent upon allowable base claims.

Claims

Claim 40 - 63 have been amended to broaden the scope of the claims and bring them into conformance with standard claim language supported by the specification. Claims 66-70 have been added as dependent claims of amended claim 40. The specification supports amendments and new claims. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicant has made a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final action. Applicant has specifically pointed out in his arguments how the language in his claims patentably distinguishes them from the reference cited by Examiner and respectfully requests Examiner place the application in condition for allowance.

Very Truly Yours,

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